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1. DEPT APPRECIATES POSTS EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO
REFTELS TO AROUSE HOST GOVERNMENTS CONCERN WITH IMPOR-
TANCE OF DEVELOPING COMMON VIEWPOINTS AMONG PRINCIPAL
AVIATION COUNTRIES PRIOR TO ICAO ASSEMBLY. WE
RECOGNIZE THAT MOST GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT YET
STARTED TO DEVELOP THEIR POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH
REFTEL (B) PROVIDED PRELIMINARY U.S. VIEWS, U.S.
POSITIONS ARE NOT YET FIRM AND OUR EVENTUAL POSITIONS
WILL REFLECT THE VIEWS OF OTHER STATES WITH
WHOM WE ARE NOW CONSULTING. OUR MAJOR CONCERN IS
THE CONTINUED USEFULNESS OF ICAO. IN PRIVATE
CONVERSATIONS, IATA OFFICIALS AND OTHERS HAVE
ADMITTED A SIMILAR CONCERN. CONSEQUENTLY, WE
BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BY THE TIME OF THE
ASSEMBLY THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE MAJOR AVIATION STATES AND OTHERS TO
AVOID THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ASSEMBLY COULD TAKE
AN ACTION WHICH WOULD FURTHER SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE
ORGANIZATION. WE WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THESE
UNDERSTANDINGS MIGHT NOT PRODUCE IDENTICAL POSITIONS

BUT WOULD REFLECT AGREEMENT ON RATHER FIRM PARAMETERS
IN RESPECT TO KEY ISSUES.
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2. WE ARE CONSIDERING AS THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS
A VISIT FROM WASHINGTON DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JULY
TO SELECTED EUROPEAN CAPITALS. A FINAL DECISION
WHETHER TO TAKE THIS TRIP AND HOW EXTENSIVE IT SHOULD
BE WILL DEPEND ON REACTIONS WE RECEIVE FROM THE
HELSINKI MEETING OF EUROPEAN DGCA'S NOW IN PROGRESS
AND ON CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS WHICH COULD CAUSE

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALDMANN TO BE IN EUROPE AT THAT TIME. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITS WOULD BE TO DISCUSS AT FIRST HAND WITH POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THEIR SENIORS WHERE THEY FEEL THE DANGER AREAS LIE AND THE TACTICAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE. DISCUSSION AGENDAS COULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FIVE ISSUES IN REF (B). WE WOULD HOPE THROUGH THESE VISITS TO GET A BETTER FIRST HAND FEEL FOR WHAT WE ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER AT THE ASSEMBLY.

3. TENTATIVE ITINERARY WOULD START JULY 22 AND WOULD INCLUDE LONDON, PARIS, THE HAGUE, BONN, STOCKHOLM (OR SCAN CAPITAL) AND LISBON ENDING JULY 31, BUT THIS IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO ADJUSTMENT BASED ON RESPONSES TO THIS MESSAGE AND THE FACTORS REFERRED TO ABOVE. POSTS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUESTED ON ITINERARY AND TIMING BASED ON AVAILABILITY OF KEY OFFICIALS, POTENTIAL INFLUENCE ON OTHER STATES OR THE CONVERSE AND OTHER FACTORS.

4. FOR PARIS: IF ECAC STATE OFFICIALS WITH ASSEMBLY RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PARIS DURING THIS PERIOD, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED SO WE COULD ADJUST PROPOSED ITINERARY ACCORDINGLY.

5. FOR LONDON: TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR MEETINGS WITH ROGERS ON BILATERAL MATTERS. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS. SISCO

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